

AMENDMENTS TO LB 274

1 1. Strike the original sections and insert the following
2 new sections:

3 "Section 1. (1) Every dealer, commercial breeder, animal
4 shelter, animal control facility, or any retailer, who transfers
5 ownership of a dog or cat to an ultimate consumer, shall deliver to
6 the ultimate consumer of each dog or cat at the time of sale,
7 written material, in a form determined by such seller, containing
8 information on the benefits of spaying and neutering. The written
9 material shall include recommendations on establishing a
10 relationship with a veterinarian, information on early-age spaying
11 and neutering, the health benefits associated with spaying and
12 neutering pets, the importance of minimizing the risk of homeless
13 or unwanted animals, and the need to comply with applicable license
14 laws.

15 (2) The delivering of any model materials prepared by the
16 Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council or the Nebraska Humane Society
17 shall satisfy the requirements of subsection (1) of this section.

18 Sec. 2. Provision shall be made for spaying or neutering
19 all dogs and cats released for adoption or purchase from any public
20 or private animal shelter or animal control facility operated by a
21 humane society, a county, a city, or another political subdivision.
22 Such provision may be made by:

23 (1) Causing the dog or cat to be spayed or neutered by a
24 licensed veterinarian before releasing the dog or cat for adoption

1 or purchase; or

2 (2) Entering into a written agreement with the adopter or
3 purchaser of the dog or cat, guaranteeing that spaying or neutering
4 will be performed by a licensed veterinarian in compliance with an
5 agreement which shall contain the following information:

6 (a) The date of the agreement;

7 (b) The name, address, and signature of the releasing
8 entity and the adopter or purchaser;

9 (c) A description of the dog or cat to be adopted or
10 purchased;

11 (d) A statement, in conspicuous bold print, that spaying
12 or neutering of the dog or cat is required pursuant to this
13 section; and

14 (e) The date by which the spaying or neutering will be
15 completed, which date shall be (i) in the case of an adult dog or
16 cat, the thirtieth day after the date of adoption or purchase or
17 (ii) in the case of a pup or kitten, either (A) the thirtieth day
18 after a specified date estimated to be the date the pup or kitten
19 will reach six months of age or (B) if the releasing entity has a
20 written policy recommending spaying or neutering of certain pups or
21 kittens at an earlier date, the thirtieth day after such date.

22 Sec. 3. An adopter or purchaser who signs an agreement
23 under section 2 of this act shall cause the adopted or purchased
24 dog or cat to be spayed or neutered on or before the date stated in
25 the agreement. If such date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal
26 holiday, the date may be extended to the first business day
27 following such date. The releasing entity may extend the date for

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1 thirty days upon presentation of a letter or telephone report from
2 a licensed veterinarian, stating that the life or health of the
3 adopted or purchased dog or cat would be jeopardized by spaying or
4 neutering, and such extensions may continue to be granted until
5 such veterinarian determines that spaying or neutering would no
6 longer jeopardize the life or health of the adopted or purchased
7 dog or cat.

8 Sec. 4. Section 54-625, Revised Statutes Supplement,
9 2002, is amended to read:

10 54-625. Sections 54-625 to 54-636 and sections 1 to 3 of
11 this act shall be known and may be cited as the Commercial Dog and
12 Cat Operator Inspection Act.

13 Sec. 5. Original section 54-625, Revised Statutes
14 Supplement, 2002, is repealed."